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SUBJECT: "CISCO TWO" - SITUATION REPORT

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 8349 (B) ASMARA 0584

1. IN RESPONSE TO CONGEN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING  
KIDNAPPED AMERICANS, BG GETACHEW NADEW HAS ORDERED BG WORKU  
MAKONNEN, OPERATIONAL COMMANDER ALL TROOPS AND POLICE IN ERITREA,  
TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE.

2. WORKU HAS INFORMED OIC NAVCOMMUNIT THAT RECOMMAISSANCE AIRCRAFT  
ORDERED OUT TO SEARCH FOR HIGHLY VISIBLE STOLEN YELLOW TRUCK  
IN WHICH ABDUCTED AMERICANS BEING TRANSPORTED. SEARCH PLANES COULD  
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BE HEARD OVERHEAD DURING LATE AFTERNOON. GETACHEW CALLED ME AT

1725 HRS LOCAL TO INFORM ME THAT EMPTY ABANDONED TRUCK FOUND. HE CALLED AGAIN AT 1930 HRS LOCAL TO DAY TRUCK FOUND 17 KLM WEST OF ASMARA; NO DOCUMENTS, NO CLUES. SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPERS WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW MORNING.

3. WORKU SENT SECURITY OFFICER TO TRACT D TO DETERMINE HOW MANY SECURITY TROOPS NEEDED AND WHERE THEY SHOULD BE PLACED. SIX TRUCK LOADS OF TROOPS ARRIVED LATE AFTERNOON AT TRACT D AREA AND DEPLOYED.

4. TRACT D CONTINUING IN OPERATION. NORMALLY ONE AMERICAN REMAINS ON SITE OVERNIGHT; NONE WILL TONIGHT. SITE WILL BE OPERATING TONIGHT WITH SEVEN MAN ETHIOPIAN CREW WHICH HAS BEEN PERSUADED TO STAY OVER. ALSO ASKING FOR ARMED ESCORT FOR CISCO EMPLOYEES TRAVELLING BACK AND FORTH FROM TRACT B TO TRACT D. AS SOON AS ADEQUATE SECURITY FORCE ON HAND, CISCO PLANS TO RESUME NORMAL STAFFING.

NAVCOMMUNIT HAS REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTINUING TO OPERATE SITE AT NIGHT IF ETHIOPIAN STAFF FINALLY DECIDES NOT TO STAY OVERNIGHT.

5. BOTH CAMPBELL AND HARREL MARRIED TO ETHIOPIANS WHO HERE. BOTH WIVES, OF COURSE, DEEPLY CONCERNED. BOTH HAVE BEEN CONSOLED. MRS. CAMPBELL WILL STAY TONIGHT AT TRACT E AND MRS. HARREL WITH A FRIEND WHO LIVES NEAR CONGEN. RECOMMEND THAT OTHER RELATIVES OF CAMPBELL AND HARREL NOT BE NOTIFIED OF ABDUCTION UNTIL WE HAVE CLEARER APPRECIATION OF SITUATION.

6. WHILE IN ABSENCE ANY COMMUNICATION FROM INSURGENT KIDNAPPERS, WE CANNOT KNOW REASONS FOR THIS ACTION, FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES SUGGEST THEMSELVES: A) SEIZURE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH PLANNED VISIT TEFERI BANTI (ASMARA 0585) TO DEMONSTRATE ERITREA STILL PROBLEM AREA; B) ACTION TAKEN AT TIME BRITISH TV JOURNALIST IN ERITREA AT INVITATION PMAC, AGAIN TO DEMONSTRATE INSURGENT PRESENCE (ASMARA 0582); C) COMMUNICATION TECHNICIANS NEEDED TO REPAIR AND RELOCATE APPARENTLY DEFUNCT ELF RADIO TRANSMITTER OFF THE AIR SINCE MID-APRIL (ASMARA 0443).

7. AS PRECAUTION, ALL CISCO EMPLOYEES URGED BY PROJECT MANAGER SPEND NIGHT ON TRACT B. NAVCOMMUNIT HOUSED ON TRACT E. ALL CONGEN  
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PERSONNEL ON CONGEN COMPOUND EXCEPTING OFF DUTY MARINES WHO HOUSED IN THEIR OWN COMPOUND ONE BLOCK FROM CONGEN.

8. DO NOT BELIEVE ANY ADDITIONAL SECURITY FORCES NECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO PROTECT AMCITS IN ASMARA.  
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